

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Prior to the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 1 with the following paragraph:

The invention relates to a closing system for a motor vehicle of the kind mentioned in the preamble of claim 1. In such a closing system, an electronic control is activated by means of a switching element which is integrated into a handle and transfers a lock provided on the vehicle door, flap, or car body from a state preventing opening of a door, flap or the like into a state allowing opening of the door, flap or the like. The field of application of the invention is directed in particular to motor vehicles, access to safety areas and the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 2 with the following paragraph:

Moreover, from DE 197 45 149 140 a handle for a motor vehicle is known which is comprised of two shells. In the interior of the inner shell a switching element is positioned which is embodied as a sending/receiving unit. This switching element is coated with an insulating layer. In the outer shell a cutout is provided for a

push button which allows locking of the closing system by actuation it. A disadvantage of this device is that the encapsulation of the switching element in the inner shell, for example, with a plastic material, results in a time-consuming manufacture.

Prior to the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 3, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 3 with the following paragraph:

It is an object of the invention to develop a closing system ~~of the kind mentioned in the preamble of claim 1~~ which avoids the aforementioned disadvantages. This is achieved according to the invention by the measures defined in the characterizing portion of claim 1 which have the following special meaning.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 4 with the following paragraph:

Particularly advantageous according to claim 3 is an embodiment in which the provided switching elements are electronically operating push switching elements. These electronically operating push switching elements have the advantage that the switching path is very short and that this results in a time saving allowing a fast

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response of the electronic control of the closing system to the request for access to the vehicle expressed by the user.

Prior to the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 4, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Prior to the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 5, insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please delete pages 12 and 13 in their entirety.

Please cancel the original Abstract of the Disclosure and insert the new Abstract that is attached hereto on a separate sheet.